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**RESTAURANT OWNER SENTENCED FOR  
EMPLOYING ILLEGAL ALIENS IN HIS RESTAURANT**

- Seven illegal aliens provided housing while employed*
- Subject to deportation after imprisonment*
- Forfeits \$42,788*

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JIAN CHAI LIN**, age 35, of Radcliff, Kentucky, in Hardin, County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for unlawfully hiring and employing illegal aliens at his restaurant, the Golden China Buffet, located in Radcliff, Kentucky.

John G. Heyburn, II, Chief Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Lin** to two years probation, six months of home confinement as a condition of probation, and forfeiture of \$42,788 which was previously seized by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

**Lin**, who is also an illegal Chinese alien, pled guilty and admitted that between May 10, 2005 and May 10, 2006, he knowingly hired for employment 10 undocumented aliens to work at his Golden China Buffet restaurant in Radcliff, Kentucky. **Lin** hired these individuals, knowing that they had entered the United States illegally. In addition to hiring these individuals, he provided housing and transportation, both to and from work, at the Golden China Buffet restaurant. Although **Lin** paid the illegal aliens for their work, he was doing so at lower wages for the purpose of

commercial advantage and private financial gain. **Lin** agreed to forfeit \$42,788 that was seized from the business' bank account because these funds were designated as proceeds of the illegal hiring.

The investigation began after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents received a tip that Chinese nationals were being transported by bus and van to and from various restaurant locations in the Louisville Metro area. During the investigation, it was determined that **Lin**, the operator of the Golden China Buffet, employed these illegal aliens, who were not listed as required on Wage File Data, filed with the Secretary of State, to work at the Golden China Buffet.

**Jian Tian Lin, Jian Chai Lin's** brother, pled guilty to similar charges, and was sentenced on December 18, 2006, to seven months, plus two years of supervised release following incarceration.

Upon serving their sentences, **Jian Tian Lin** and **Jian Chai Lin** will be turned over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency for detention and deportation proceedings consistent with their illegal presence in the United States.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt and Robert J. Kilmartin, and was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

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